

Annual General Meeting January 23rd 2025

Gymkhana Club 11.00 a.m.

Meeting Chaired by Chris Ryan (Treasurer and Secretary)

Apologies for absence were received from John Orlebeck and Kenny Jones

1. 2024's minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting
2. 2 members that had passed during 2024, Yukio Doi and Dan Evans were remembered
3. A presentation of the financial report was given by the Treasurer. There is 103,000 baht in the account, but the Annual Party has not yet been paid for.
4. A Charity financial report was given by the Treasurer – CMSG has just sponsored another student and there is just under 12000 baht towards the next sponsorship.
5. Motion proposed by Iain Craig and seconded by Rick Gregory. “Julian Wing to be given Honorary Life Membership in recognition of his work and dedication to CMSG” – PASSED unanimously.

As there were no motions submitted that would affect the charter, the meeting then discussed a number of issues for the New Committee to consider and ratify at their first meeting.

Submitted by Bill Duthie

1. Gassan Khuntan to be approved as a venue. Result of the discussion Bill Duthie to be invited to the next Committee meeting to discuss either Khuntan

or a mix of Khuntan/Legacy/Panorama and whether he will be willing to act as captain. Also, the day of the event to be approved if it is to take place

2. Local rules both for CMSG and individual courses to be brought up to date to avoid varying levels of confusion. Result of the discussion – agreed – captains to be responsible for updating all the local rules of their respective courses and entering these on the website
3. Abnormal course conditions be given some clarity, this includes the disparity of rules regarding tree roots across all courses (only swing interference is allowed, not stance) Result of the discussion – the tree root rule is to remain as is. The concession was to prevent injury to the member from striking a root, if you have to stand awkwardly but it doesn't affect your swing, that is unlucky! Likewise, if you are not on the fairway, no relief is given.
4. Team events should not be considered for handicap purposes in line with the rules of golf. This will improve the speed of rounds and avoid confusion. Result of the discussion – not agreed. The R&A and the USGA in their published rules for handicapping quote how you should score a hole when it is not completed and they use the example “when a player's partner has already posted a better score in a 4-ball format and the player picks up” In all such events if a player picks up then they should record their “most likely score”. There have been occasions when players get over 40 points in a 2BBB and it is only right that their handicap should be reduced.
5. The name of the Group is Chiang Mai Social Golfers, can some effort be made to have social golf events between or in competition with each of the clubs (either internal or external). Result of the discussion, inter-course events left to the discretion of the individual captains. The Committee already

arrange The Annual Tournament 4 venues in October, The Chiang Rai Cup 2 venues in November, 2 days competition with the Chiang Rai group 6 months apart, The International in March and the Rick Cameron Memorial in May. Being unable to arrange anything in the High Season, only gives limited space in the calendar. In addition, many of our members play in the monthly Highlands Competition with the Highlanders group of golfers, a competition arranged by our member Iain Jensen

6. Appointment of a rules official with the remit to improve the knowledge of the current rules within CMSG – Consideration to be given by the Committee.

However, there is already a “guidance” file on the “news” page of the website.

Election of Committee

President – no nominations received

Treasurer / Secretary – Chris Ryan to continue

Handicapper – Julian Wing to continue

North Hill Captain – deferred until March to see whether North Hill is still a viable venue

Lanna Captain – John Orlebeck to continue

Maejo Wednesdays – Roger Bishop, elected unopposed

Maejo Fridays – Randy Teisl, elected unopposed

Hariphunchai – Brian Rundle, elected unopposed

Other business

Motion by Roger Bishop

1. That both the Maejo Wednesday Captain Roger Bishop and the Maejo Friday Captain Randy Teisl be given a full vote on the Committee rather than a half vote each as at present – Agreed

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11.35 a.m.